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When Captain Webb swam the English Channel flying machines had not been invented. Now that anybody can fly across the channel in twenty-two minutes there is no reason why William Burgess, of Yorkshire, should spend twenty-two hours in swimming across.

A CHICAGO man, after a spat with his wife, landed in the prison where he spent the night. The following morning he made the statement that he had just experienced his first night of quiet sleep in thirteen years. This seems to indicate that there are worse places in the world than jails, after all.

Of course it is next door to treason, but The Baltimore Sun ventures to suggest as a palliative for the undue price of sugar: "Possibly the removal of the differential in duty between raw and refined sugar would relieve the situation." Tell it not in Havemeyer, breathe it not in Arbuckle.

Whether Washington was descended from William the Conqueror or is immaterial. The essential thing is that he was the conqueror of George III. If Washington were the descendant of the Conqueror it would be a more important compliment to William than to George.

The Chicago News blirts out the uncanny truth that there are now two kinds of English: "King's English" and "headline English." But it neglects to add that the dabbler in producing good headline English is at the top of his profession. He can put into a monosyllable a chapter of swift commentary.

A THOUSAND cotton planters are meeting in Montgomery to refute the official and unofficial estimates of the cotton crop. They would have done better to save their traveling expenses. They have not much cotton to sell yet, and by the time the bulk of their cotton is picked there will be more definite information regarding the size of the crop.

GERMANY follows on after France in taking steps to reduce the cost of living, in the most obvious way, by considering measures for the tariff on foodstuffs. The Minister of Agriculture has taken the extraordinary step, as a means of fodder to needy persons at reduced prices. Men and women must live, even if the middleman fares less sumptuously as the days go by.

In China famine stalks abroad as a result of disastrous floods sweeping over large areas of cultivated lands and destroying the crops. In France and Germany there are food riots brought about by famine prices caused by high tariffs on bread and meat. Because the Chinese cannot help themselves they are more deserving of commiseration than their highly-civilized fellow-sufferers.

DURING a man's lifetime he has got to hold to the course pretty hard or he will get pushed off by some more enterprising individual, and the chances are not near so good for him to receive a bunch of roses as they are for him to get a wreath of barbed wire hung about his neck. But when he dies everything changes. They bring him a wagonload of flowers and some kind friend writes a two column appreciation in which all the big words in the English language tumble over each other, and in the end express nothing. In the background fate looks on and laughs while she pulls the strings that make her puppets dance.

HENRY RHOADS

The Godfather of Muhlenberg County
By OTTO A. ROTHERT

A NUMBER of pioneers who settled in that section of the Green river country which included what is now Muhlenberg county, were men or sons of men who had fought in the Revolution under Gen. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, or under Gen. Wm. Russell. Those of the Gen. Muhlenberg contingency, who located in the northern part of the county, were of German descent and were among the earliest of the county's pioneers. Wm. Campbell, who about the year 1795 established Cane Station, and the Russells who helped him establish Greenville in 1799, were Virginians and members of the Gen. Russell family. The pioneers who first settled in the central and southern sections of the county were Virginians and Carolinians mainly of English, Scotch and Irish extraction.

Representatives of Gen. Muhlenberg's army drifted to this part of the Green river country from Pennsylvania and northern Virginia. Most of Gen. Muhlenberg's soldiers were born in America, but their fathers came from Germany and Holland long before the Revolution. Among these Revolutionary soldiers was Henry Rhoads, the Godfather of Muhlenberg county, who not only procured the name of his General for Muhlenberg county, but who was also a prominent pioneer in western Kentucky, and identified with the early development of Muhlenberg county and his section of the Green river country.

In Perrin's History of Kentucky, page 997, a brief sketch of the life of Henry Rhoads is incidentally introduced in a biography of Prof. McHenry Rhoads, the well known educator, who is a son of Absalom J. Rhoads, a grandson of Solomon Rhoads, Jr., and a great grandson of Henry Rhoads. From this sketch I quote:

"Henry Rhoads was born in Germany in 1739 and died in Logan county in 1814. (He died in Muhlenberg county—O. A. R.) He and two of his brothers came to America about 1757 and settled in Bedford county, Penn. In 1760 he married Elizabeth Stoner, of Maryland. He fought for his adopted country through the great struggle for independence, under the leadership of Gen. Muhlenberg. After the war for Liberty, having lost heavily in the cause, he, with his two brothers and their families, came to Kentucky. They stopped first at Bardonia, where they left their wives and children, and then went out in the wilderness to find a site to build a town. The place selected was at the falls of Green river where they started a settlement and called it Rhoadsville. After three years of peaceable possession an action was entered in the Ohio circuit court, styled 'John Handley vs. Henry Rhoads and others,' for the possession of the land on which the new town stood. The suit was gained by the plaintiff. Henry Rhoads and a few of his friends then removed to Barnett's Station, on Rough creek, where he lived five years, during which time the present town of Hartford was laid out and a few houses built. He next moved to Logan county and settled, where he owned 7,000 acres of military land. He represented the county in the legislature of Kentucky in 1798, on its formation as a county, and named it in honor of Gen. Muhlenberg."

Collins, in his History of Kentucky, under the head of McLean County, says:

"The first fort or station in McLean county was built where Calhoun now stands, in 1788, by Solomon Rhoads, and called Vienna. In 1790, James Inman built Pond Station, a few miles south-east of Calhoun."

Other authorities and most traditions say Henry Rhoads established a station some time between 1784 and 1788 where Calhoun now stands, and that he was assisted in this work by his brother, Solomon Rhoads, and another brother whose name is usually given as David. At any rate, a few years after Henry Rhoads established, or helped to establish, Rhoadsville or Fort Vienna, he lost the title to all his land in that vicinity, and after living for a while near Hartford he moved in-

to what is now the Browder mine neighborhood in Muhlenberg county, which, at that time, was a part of Logan county.

From a letter written to me by Judge Lucius P. Little, of Owensboro, the highest authority on the history of the Green river country, I quote:

"When Henry Rhoads came to this part of the Green river country he stopped at Barnett's Fort, on Rough river, above Hartford. He first located his claim for land at the site of the present town of Calhoun, and laid out a town in 1784 and called it Rhoadsville. When Rhoads was defeated by Capt. John Handley, agent for the Dorsey, of Maryland, the name of the town was changed to Vienna. Rhoads then went back to Barnett's Fort for a short time and soon after located in the bounds of the present county of Muhlenberg, five miles from Paradise, on Green river, and a mile from the present town of Browder, on the L. & N. railroad."

"Simultaneously with the departure of the Germans to the south side of the river they erected a fortification about five miles south from Runsey for refuge in case of Indian attack. This was called 'Pond Station,' now only the 'Station.' This was in Muhlenberg until the territory embracing it was made a part of McLean county. About the same time such of the residents of Fort Vienna as owned slaves quit the Fort and settled farms north of the river where some of their descendants are still to be found."

"As late as 1830 the settlement south of Cypress creek and extending far enough south to embrace Sacramento and Bremen, was commonly called 'The Dutch Settlement.' While these people were thrifty, yet few of them owned slaves."

In 1798, a few years after settling in Logan county, Henry Rhoads became a member of the state legislature, and on Dec. 14, 1798, an act was passed creating a new county out of parts of Christian and Logan counties. It was Henry Rhoads who proposed and secured the name of Muhlenberg for the new county. All local traditions on the subject, without exception, credit him with suggesting and procuring this name. The Proceedings of the Legislature probably show a record to that effect. Ed Porter Thompson, in his School History of Kentucky, page 162, says:

"Gen. Muhlenberg was at no time a resident of Kentucky. His name and his deeds, however, are of interest to us because some of the gallant members of his church who followed him when he left his pulpit to fight for independence had grants of land for military service, which they located on and below Green river soon after the close of the Revolution, and made their homes in what are now Muhlenberg, McLean and Ohio counties. One of them, the Hon. Henry Rhoads, was a member of the legislature in 1798, when Muhlenberg county was established, and procured it to be named in honor of his pastor and general."

On the same page Thompson continues the subject by giving a brief biography of Gen. Muhlenberg:

"When the war began the Rev. Peter Muhlenberg, then a young man, was pastor of a German Lutheran church at Woodstock, Virginia, though he was a native of Pennsylvania. In 1776 he was authorized to raise a regiment among the Germans of the Shenandoah valley, and was commissioned colonel. Having enlisted his command (the 8th Virginia, called also the 'German Regiment') he entered the pulpit with his sword and cockade and preached his farewell sermon. On the day following he set out with his men to join the army. In 1777 he was commissioned brigadier general. After the war he was for several years state treasurer of Pennsylvania, and served several terms in Congress. Through the influence of one to whom he had been a pastor in peace and a valiant captain in the fight for freedom, his ever-enduring monument (a county's name) was erected, not in his own land, but in the wilderness of Kentucky."

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